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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an equine abortion virus mutant, a process for the preparation of said mutant, use of said mutant and live vaccines derived from said mutant.

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Background of the Invention

Equine abortion virus (EHV-1), a herpes virus, is a major equine pathogen responsible for viral-induced abortion, neurological disease such as paresis, infections of the upper respiratory tract, and neonatal foal disease (NFD). NFD results from close to term transplacental infection of fetuses, which are born weak with severe respiratory disease and some with jaundice due to liver infection by EHV-1. These animals usually die within a few days after birth. Equine rhinopneumonitis virus (EHV-4) is the major cause of acute respiratory tract disease ("rhinopneumonitis") and infects most horses during their first two years of life. Rhinopneumonitis is characterized by fever, anorexia, and profuse serous nasal discharge that later becomes mucopurulent. On rare occasions EHV4 infection causes abortion in pregnant mares. Furthermore EHV1 and EHV4 establish persistent, lifelong latent infections.

Upon reactivation the viruses cause recurrent disease, accompanied by virus shedding and transmission to other animals.

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Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides for such vaccines.

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Detailed Description

For the purpose of this invention, a temperature sensitive mutant is defined as a mutant virus which has an impaired growth at or above a certain temperature at which the wild type has a normal growth. The EHV-1 ts mutants according to the present invention are characterized in that they are temperature sensitive at the body temperature of the host animal. The EHV-1 ts mutants of the present invention do not replicate above a temperature of 38.5 to 39.0°C. Preferably the EHV-1 ts mutants according to the invention do not replicate at a temperature of 38.5°C.

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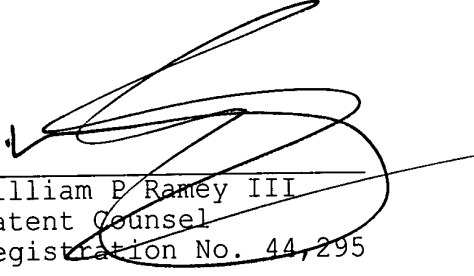
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V. Remarks

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